

BOT *Highlights*

MARCH 15, 2011

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Shirley D. Bell, Follow-Up/Reports Specialist, Academic Effectiveness & Assessment, EpiCenter Services; Suzanne L. Cronauer, Administrative Specialist, Curriculum, Academic & Student Affairs; and Mary C. Hoover, Grant Accountant, Accounting/Business Services, EpiCenter Services. Ms. Bell, Ms. Cronauer and Ms. Hoover were all in attendance and, joined by family and colleagues, received their resolutions as presented by Chairman Burke and President Law.

Dr. Law introduced Mrs. Frances Neu as the College's new Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation and shared highlights of her background and expertise. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Burke welcomed Mrs. Neu, offering the support of the trustees, and thanked Mr. Johnston for his role on the selection committee. Dr. Law and the Board additionally thanked Dr. Janice Buchanan for serving in the interim and for all her accomplishments during her many years at the College.

Dr. Kathleen Griffin, Associate Provost, CL, introduced Clearwater sophomore Spenser Reed in recognition of his recent naming to the *USA Today's* 2011 All-USA Community College Academic Team of 20 members out of 1,600 students nationwide. She stated that Mr. Reed further was selected as the program's top scorer in Florida, naming him a New Century Scholar. Dr. Griffin noted that official announcements will be made on April 11 during the AACC Annual Convention in New Orleans. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Burke commended Mr. Reed for all he has accomplished, as highlighted by Dr. Griffin, and wished him much success in all his future endeavors.

PROVOST REPORTS

Mr. JC Brock, Campus Executive Officer, AC, featured the "Parks and Public Safety" Summer Program being hosted at the Allstate Center in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg, Juvenile Welfare Board and Pinellas County School Board. Dr. Conferlete Carney, TS Provost, featured the Greek Studies Initiative, highlighting the mission of the AFGLC (American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture) and the successes of its 2010 and 2011 conferences/forums. Dr. James Olliver, SE/campus Provost, featured: (1) curriculum for the new Entrepreneurial Certification Program; (2) the newly recast Career and Entrepreneurship Center; (3) past and present international entrepreneurial opportunities and development of an International Entrepreneurship Passport; (4) recognition from the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship; and (5) Business Plan & Elevator Pitch Competition.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Jeff Cesta, Director of Dual Enrollment/Early College/Early Admission Programs, presented information on Career Pathways and Dual Enrollment. He reported on the shared articulation efforts with Pinellas County Schools (PCS), highlighting the combined dual enrollment opportunities with career pathways.

Mrs. Yvonne Ulmer, Campus Executive Officer, DT/MT, was joined by Dr. Martha Campbell, Communications Dean, and Ms. Sharon Griggs, Mathematics Dean, in presenting information related to Student Retention Initiatives. Mrs. Ulmer provided an overview of collegewide retention strategies. She highlighted a 4-hour career assessment and advising workshop in April designed by SPC counselor Dr. Jerry Cade that is being promoted to help DT/MT students transition from "undeclared" to "declared".

Deans Campbell and Griggs described the Florida Developmental Education Initiative Grant, funded partially by the Gates and Lumina Foundations, and highlighted the goals and successes of the Bridge to Success Program, commending all of the student support team for their coordinated effort in the Program's success.

GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS

The Board authorized application for a grant proposal submitted by Pinellas County Schools to the Florida Department of Education for SPC to participate as an official local college partner on the College Success Academy Pilot Project. The Board also granted permission to enter into any contractual agreements necessary as part of the College's participation.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Board approved the following: (1) Amendment #1 to the Lease Agreement between SPC and Pinellas County Medical Association, which extends the lease for office space at the District Office for a five-year term; (2) Schematic Design Documents (Phase I) and Preliminary Guaranteed Maximum Price for the remodeling and buildout of the third and fourth floor lab and classrooms, DT; and (3) Amendment #3 to the Lease Agreement between SPC and the National University of Health Sciences, which extends the lease of space at HEC until June 30, 2012 and increases operation fees to match the fiscal year 2011/2012 state recommendations.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved faculty continuing contract recommendations and faculty annual contract recommendations for 2011-2012.

CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES

The Board approved changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual as follows: Rule 6Hx23-4.451 College-Preparatory Instruction. This establishes that students who score below the prescribed cut-off score in two or more college preparatory areas must take SLS 1101 and SLS 1126 as co-requisites during their first term of enrollment.

PROPOSED 2011-2012 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Board approved the proposed Academic Calendar for 2011-12, including the president's recommendation for additional days of closure during the College's Spring Break, similar to the policy of other institutions. The president said the calendar would be brought back to the Board once it is confirmed.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board of Trustees meeting is set for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at the Tarpon Springs Campus in the Olympia/Michael and Evelyn Bilirakis Building, Rm. 212, at 8:30 a.m. The Board agreed that its May 17 meeting, which coincides with hosting the State Board of Education at the EpiCenter, will possibly have a delayed start time and extended budget workshop. It will be advertised accordingly in compliance with Florida Statutes.